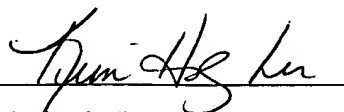




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action, paper no. 15, mailed on December 16, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time to file a response to the Office Action is submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 45 and 46 are currently pending in the present application.